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H. R. 2185

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of bone mass measurements for certain individuals under part B of the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 1995

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. STEARNS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. YATES, Mr. FROST, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Bone Mass
5 Measurement Standardization Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASURE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as
6 amended by section 147(f)(6)(B)(iii) of the Social
7 Security Act Amendments of 1994, is amended—

8 (A) in subparagraph (N), by striking
9 “and” at the end;

10 (B) in subparagraph (O), by striking
11 “and” at the end; and

12 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (O)
13 the following new subparagraph:

14 “(P) bone mass measurement (as defined in
15 subsection (oo)); and”.

16 (2) BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS DESCRIBED.—
17 Section 1861 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x), as
18 amended by section 146(a) of the Social Security
19 Act Amendments of 1994, is amended by adding at
20 the end the following new subsection:

21 “Bone Mass Measurement

22 “(oo)(1) The term ‘bone mass measurement’ means
23 a radiologic or radioisotopic procedure or other scientif-
24 ically proven technology performed on a qualified individ-
25 ual (as defined in paragraph (2)) for the purpose of identi-

1 flying bone mass or detecting bone loss, and includes a
2 physician's interpretation of the results of the procedure.

3 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘quali-
4 fied individual’ means (in accordance with regulations pre-
5 scribed by the Secretary)—

6 “(A) an estrogen-deficient woman at clinical
7 risk for osteoporosis;

8 “(B) an individual with vertebral abnormalities;

9 “(C) an individual receiving long-term
10 glucocorticoid steroid therapy;

11 “(D) an individual with primary
12 hyperparathyroidism; or

13 “(E) an individual who is monitored to assess
14 the individual's response to or the efficacy of ap-
15 proved osteoporosis drug therapies.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply to bone mass measurements per-
18 formed on or after January 1, 1996.

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